



## Small Group Discussion Notes

To Suffer Like Christ

1 Peter 3:13-17 & 4:12-19

Let's Go!

Week 8

March 17th, 2024

### Warm Up

Share a time when you endured something painful.

### Digging Deeper

*Read 1 Peter 4:12-19*

Share your initial observations about this passage.

Peter speaks of a "fiery ordeal" (NIV), and the Greek word used here speaks of a refiner's fire like that used to remove impurities from metals. How might suffering for/with Christ refine who we are as people?

In verses 13 Peter talks about rejoicing when suffering for Christ. How does this idea sit with you? Do you rejoice when suffering for Christ?

*Read 1 Peter 3:13-17*

Do you always feel prepared to "give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have?" In particular, do you feel prepared to, or do you even have interest in, giving an answer to those who persecute you for doing the good work God has called you to?

If you continue reading in verse 18, Peter elaborates on how Christ suffered for our sins. We see this same sentiment communicated in places like Luke 9 and John 15. Does knowing that Christ suffered for you, give you strength to stand firm when you are being persecuted for following him? Why or why not?

### Next Steps

What can you do to better prepare yourself to give an answer for your hope?

If you have children in your life, what can you do to prepare them for the suffering or persecution they might face while walking with Jesus?

Who is someone you can talk to for support if you are feeling persecuted for your faith?

### Final Thoughts

Pray together as a group and ask the Lord to strengthen your faith so that you might stand strong in the face of persecution and suffering.

